

FORM B - BUILDING

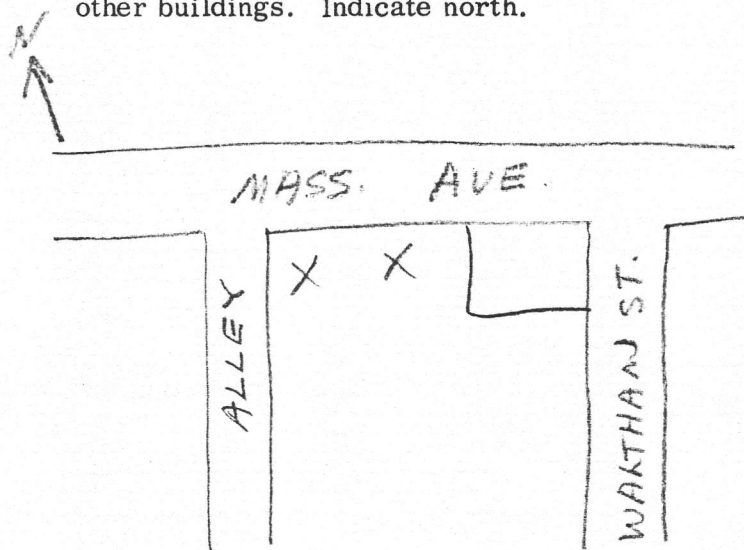
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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Lexington
 1752 Mass. Avenue
 5 Waltham St.
 Hunt Building
 Colonial Pharmacy
 1903
 Ed Worthen
 Colonial Revival

1. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect Willard D. Brown
 Exterior wall fabric brick-limestone
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features Half-flat & half-pitched roof
slate tiles - 1 rear chimney- 2 dormers
without windows on Waltham side-(over)
 Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 32' Mass. Ave.
33' Waltham St.
 Approximate distance of building from street
Flush with sidewalk

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
 MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Hunt
Original use stores (Moakley Drugstore) first/ apartments second
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Other features (cont.) Flemish bond used on these & other upper portions in polychrome-stringcourse under upper windows- heavy entablature above lower story (cornice, frieze, architrave) - 3 small-paned shop windows on Waltham St. (each with complete entablatures above them) - 3 doors on Waltham St. (1 with transom; 2 recessed with Keystone arch & ornamental detail - brick pilasters with brick ornamental capitals from sidewalk to cornice on Mass. Ave. - also on Mass. Ave. three roof-at-cornice peaks (in two peaks are bay, 3 windows each; in center peak, recessed slit window)- 2 shop windows, many paned- post & lintel main door, recessed, later fanlight with lead tracer) over double door - granite foundation.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worthen, Calendar History of Lexington . p. 102

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Occupying a prominent location at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Waltham Street, the Hunt Building was constructed in 1902-1903 for William Hunt. The building which previously stood on the site was moved to 15-17 Waltham Street where it still stands.

A front page mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* on November 8, 1902, noted that:

On Monday operations were begun by the contractors, Loomer & Allen, of Mt. Auburn, in excavating for the foundations for the new block Mr. William Hunt is to build on land owned by him on the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Waltham street. The old building on the site is to be moved back on Waltham street and Moakley's drug store will be in its present location in the new structure when it is finished. The new block will be two stories high, built of brick with lime stone trimmings, contain four stores and two suites of four rooms each and bath. It is to be placed on the line of the side walk and will entirely change the appearance of this business corner.

By April 1903 the building was nearly complete and the following brief article appeared in the paper:

Mr. William Hunt is much gratified with the work Willard D. Brown, the architect, has done for him on his new brick building, now being finished on the corner of Mass. avenue and Waltham street. The street floor is divided into three commodious, well ventilated and finely lighted stores, while the second floor space affords two conveniently arranged apartments of four rooms each with bath, pantry, good closet room and excellent facilities for drying clothes. The rooms are attractively placed and will be finished in a tasteful manner. Moakley's drug store will occupy the corner store which is especially well adapted for such a business and will make a beautiful store when fitted up. Two sides of it are almost entirely composed of glass. The floor is a granolithic mosaic (*Lexington Minute-man*, April 11, 1903).

It appears that this William Hunt (b. 1875) was the son of Lewis Hunt (1843-1893), a hardware merchant who owned much real estate in Lexington and built Hunt's Block at 1777-1793 Mass. Ave. in 1892 (razed in 1966).

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Undated photo of Hunt Building

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